

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY, March 18.—6 P. M.

The stock market was strong and buoyant this morning, and every leading share of the list took a rise, with the exception of Hartson and Pacific Mail. Compared with the sales of the first board on Thursday, New York Central advanced 2 1/4, Erie Railroad 1 1/4, Erie preferred 1 1/2, Hudson River 2, Reading 4 1/2, Michigan Central 1, Michigan Southern, which was the feature of the day, 5 1/4; Illinois Central 2, Cleveland and Pittsburgh 1 1/2, Galena and Chicago 1 1/2, Chicago and Rock Island 1 1/2, Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien 1, Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne 3, Alton and Terre Haute 1, Chicago and Northwestern 1 1/2, Comairland Coal, Canton Company 2 1/2, Quicksilver Mining 1 1/2, and Marquette 1 1/2. Hartson declined 1 per cent., and Pacific Mail 1 1/2.

The market continued strong in the afternoon, and the closing quotations were as follows:—New York Central 13 1/2, Erie 12 1/2, Erie preferred 10 1/2, Hudson 14 1/2, Reading 14 1/2, Michigan Southern 12 1/2, Michigan Central 14 1/2, Cleveland and Toledo 14 1/2, Chicago and Rock Island 12 1/2, Illinois Central 13 1/2, Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne 13 1/2, and Canton Company 5 1/2.

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